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BEWARE THE RAGE OF A DESPERATE MAN
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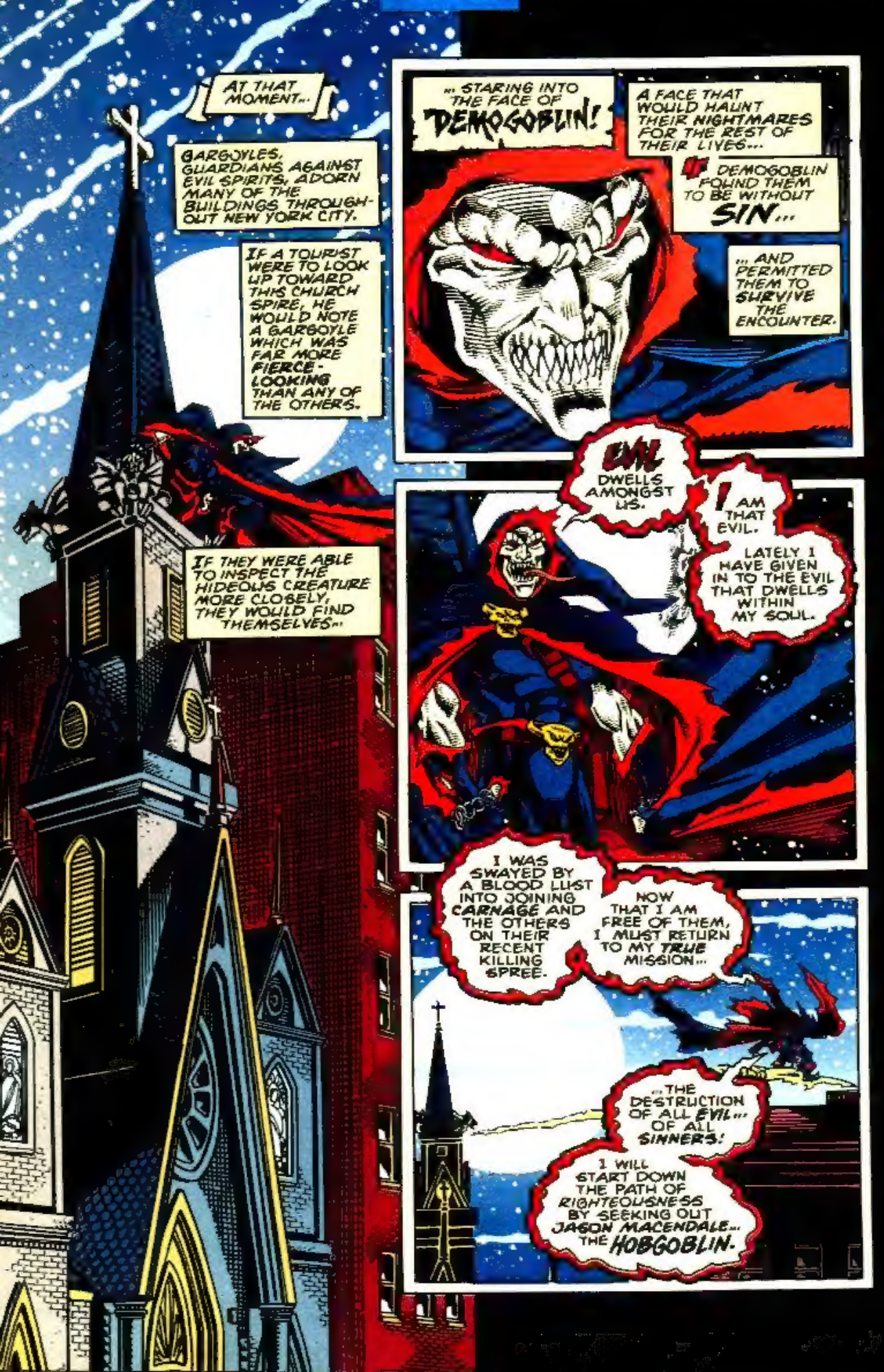
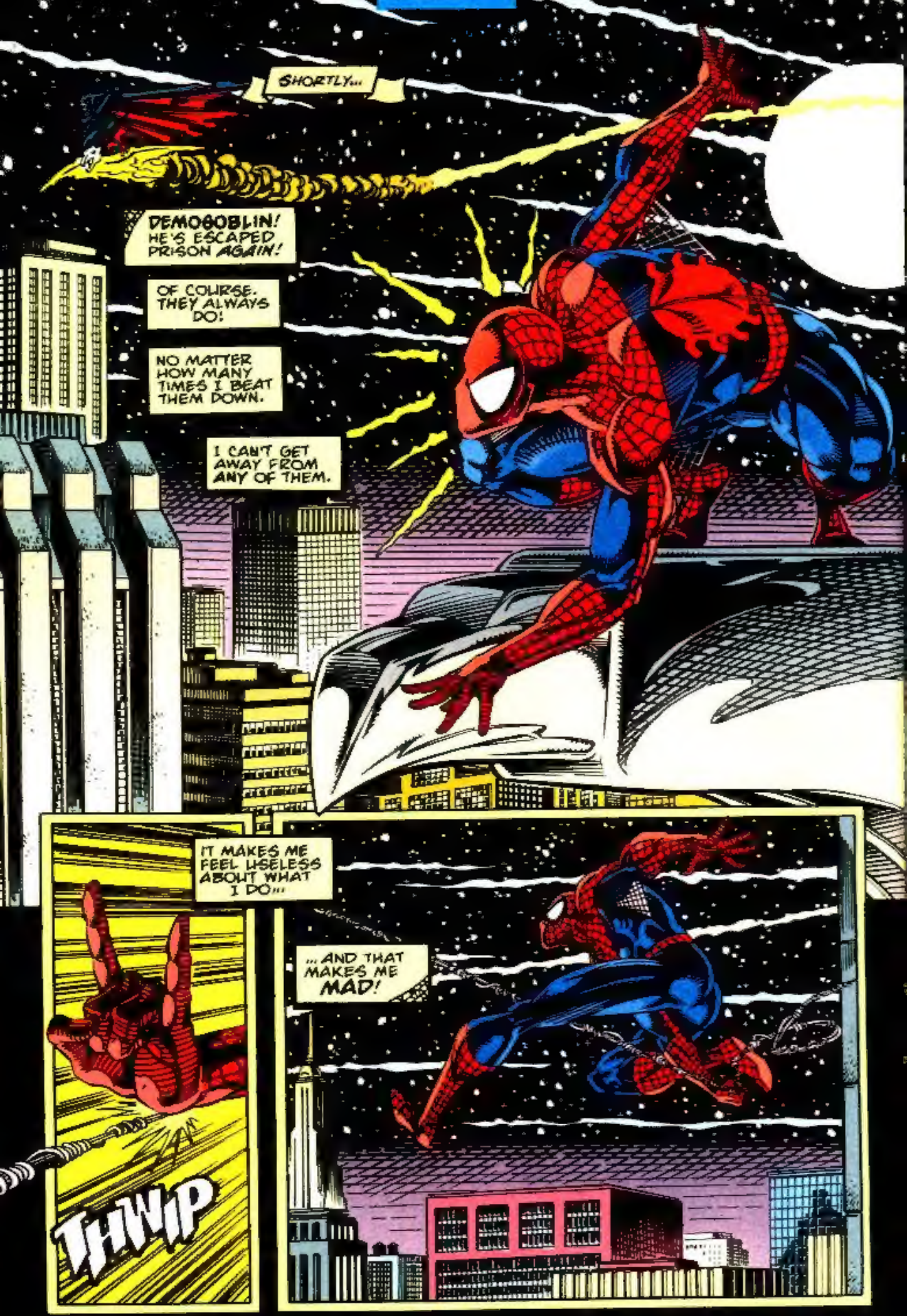
HOBGOBLIN AND DEMOGOBLIN WANT TO SETTLE OLD SCORES! GUESS WHAT--
--SO DOES SPIDEY!
(AND WHAT SECRETS ARE REVEALED IN KRAVEN'S JOURNAL?!)

MIDTOWN MANHATTAN.
I AM SPIDER-MAN.
I AM A HERO.
AND WHEN THINGS GET TOO OVER-WHELMING...
...THIS IS HOW I ESCAPE!


AT THAT MOMENT...
GARGOYLES, GUARDIANS AGAINST EVIL SPIRITS, ADORN MANY OF THE BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT NEW YORK CITY.
IF A TOURIST WERE TO LOOK UP TOWARD THIS CHURCH SPIRE, HE WOULD NOTE A GARGOYLE WHICH WAS FAR MORE FIERCE-LOOKING THAN ANY OF THE OTHERS.
IF THEY WERE ABLE TO INSPECT THE HIDEOUS CREATURE MORE CLOSELY, THEY WOULD FIND THEMSELVES...
...STARING INTO THE FACE OF DEMOGOBLIN!
A FACE THAT WOULD HAUNT THEIR NIGHTMARES FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES...
DEMOGOBLIN FOUND THEM TO BE WITHOUT SIN...
...AND PERMITTED THEM TO SURVIVE THE ENCOUNTER.
EVIL DWELLS AMONGST US.
I AM THAT EVIL.
LATELY I HAVE GIVEN IN TO THE EVIL THAT DWELLS WITHIN MY SOUL.
I WAS SWAYED BY A BLOOD LUST INTO JOINING CARNAGE AND THE OTHERS ON THEIR RECENT KILLING SPREE.
NOW THAT I AM FREE OF THEM, I MUST RETURN TO MY TRUE MISSION...
...THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL EVIL... OF ALL SINNERS!
I WILL START DOWN THE PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS BY SEEKING OUT JASON MACENDALE... THE HOBGOBLIN.


SHORTLY...
DEMOGOBLIN! HE'S ESCAPED PRISON AGAIN!
OF COURSE. THEY ALWAYS DO!
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I BEAT THEM DOWN.
I CAN'T GET AWAY FROM ANY OF THEM.
IT MAKES ME FEEL USELESS ABOUT WHAT I DO...
...AND THAT MAKES ME MAD!
THWIP

MEANWHILE, IN A LUXURY APARTMENT OVERLOOKING CENTRAL PARK...
WHAT'D I TELL YOU, MACENDALE? IS THIS GREAT OR WHAT?
YEAH, NOT BAD. NOW, WHAT IS THIS GREAT DEAL YOU'VE GOT FOR ME, WORM?
LIKE I TOLD YOU IN THE BAR... THIS IS THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME FOR TWO GUYS LIKE ME AND YOU!
DON'T WASTE MY TIME, WORM.
HEY, MAC... IS IT OKAY IF I CALL YOU MAC? DON'T GET STEAMED.
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT YOU'VE DONE...
...AND I KNOW I'M ONLY A TWO-BIT THIEF, BUT...
...I HEARD YOU BEEN HAVING IT TOUGH LATELY.
I'M TELLIN' YOU THIS IS A SWEET DEAL FOR GUYS LIKE YOU AND --

DO NOT SAY THAT AGAIN!
YOU AND ME ARE NOTHING ALIKE!
GOT IT?!
YEAH-- SURE, MAC-- MISTER MACENDALE! I GOT IT.
GOOD. NOW MAKE THIS FAST. I'VE THINGS TO DO.
SURE, SURE! I KNOW YOU'RE AN IMPORTANT MAN. I'M NOT WASTING YOUR TIME, I TELL YOU.
I'M A THIEF... A SECOND STORY MAN...
...BEEN BURGLARIZING PLACES LIKE THIS FOR YEARS.
A LITTLE HERE AND THERE.
NOT ENOUGH FOR ANY OF THE RICH DUDES THAT LIVE IN THESE PLACES TO GET IN AN UPROAR ABOUT.
CAME ACROSS THIS PLACE A FEW MONTHS AGO. NOBODY'D BEEN LIVING HERE FOR A WHILE AND I HAD MY RUN OF THE PLACE AND EVERYTHING IN IT.
HECK, I WAS EVEN ABLE TO CONVINCE THE DOORMAN THAT I WAS A RELATIVE OF THE OWNER.
BEEN LIVING HERE EVER SINCE.
WHAT'S THIS GOT TO DO WITH ME?
THE GUY WHO THIS PLACE BELONGED TO...
...HE'S SOME ONE IN YOUR LEAGUE.
RECOGNIZE HIM?
YEAH, I RECOGNIZE...

...KRAVEN THE HUNTER!
THOUGHT YOU MIGHT.
I'VE HAD TIME TO GO OVER THIS PLACE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM.
AND I FOUND THE THING THAT IS GOING TO BRING THE BIG BUCKS.
TAKE A LOOK.
LOOKS LIKE A JOURNAL.
NOT JUST A JOURNAL.
HIS JOURNAL.
I'VE READ IT THROUGH PLENTY OF TIMES. IT'S MOSTLY PERSONAL STUFF. BUT THERE'S OTHER STUFF IN IT. STUFF IN SOME SORT OF CODE.
BUT IT'S WRITTEN TO HIS SON.
SEEMS HE SENT THE KID BACK TO RUSSIA A FEW YEARS AGO TO RE-CLAIM THE FAMILY ESTATES.
A SON WHO'S GOT BIG BUCKS. A SON WHO WOULD PAY THROUGH THE NOSE FOR THIS!
YOU'RE A SMALL-TIME THINKER, WORM.

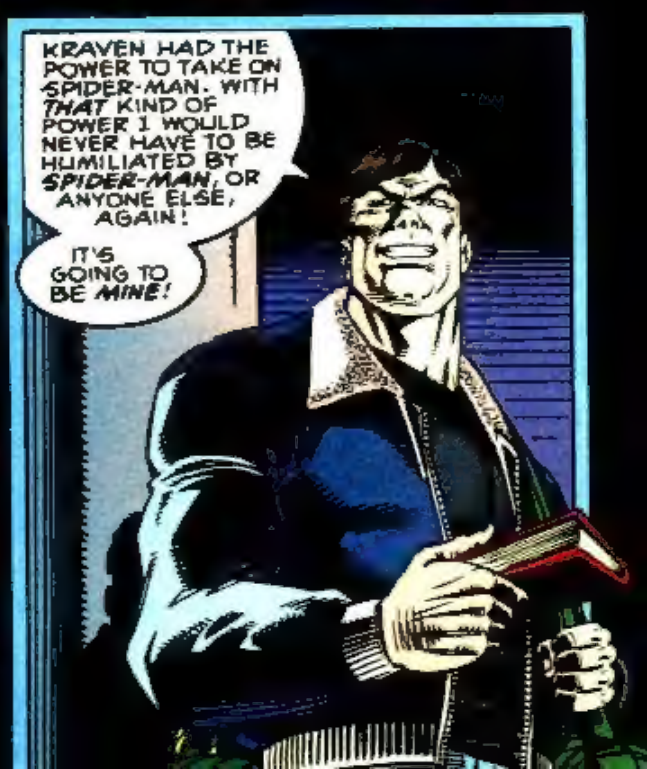
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU THINK I STUMBLED ONTO YOU IN THE BAR BY ACCIDENT?! I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, MACENDALE. I KNOW YOU HAVE, OR HAD, CONTACTS ALL OVER THE WORLD.
I KNOW YOU'LL DO JUST ABOUT ANYTHING FOR MONEY. I NEED YOUR CONTACTS AND YOUR MUSCLE TO GET US INTO RUSSIA AND KRAVEN'S ANCESTRAL HOME. TO THE MONEY.
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
TELL YOU WHAT I SAY, WORM.

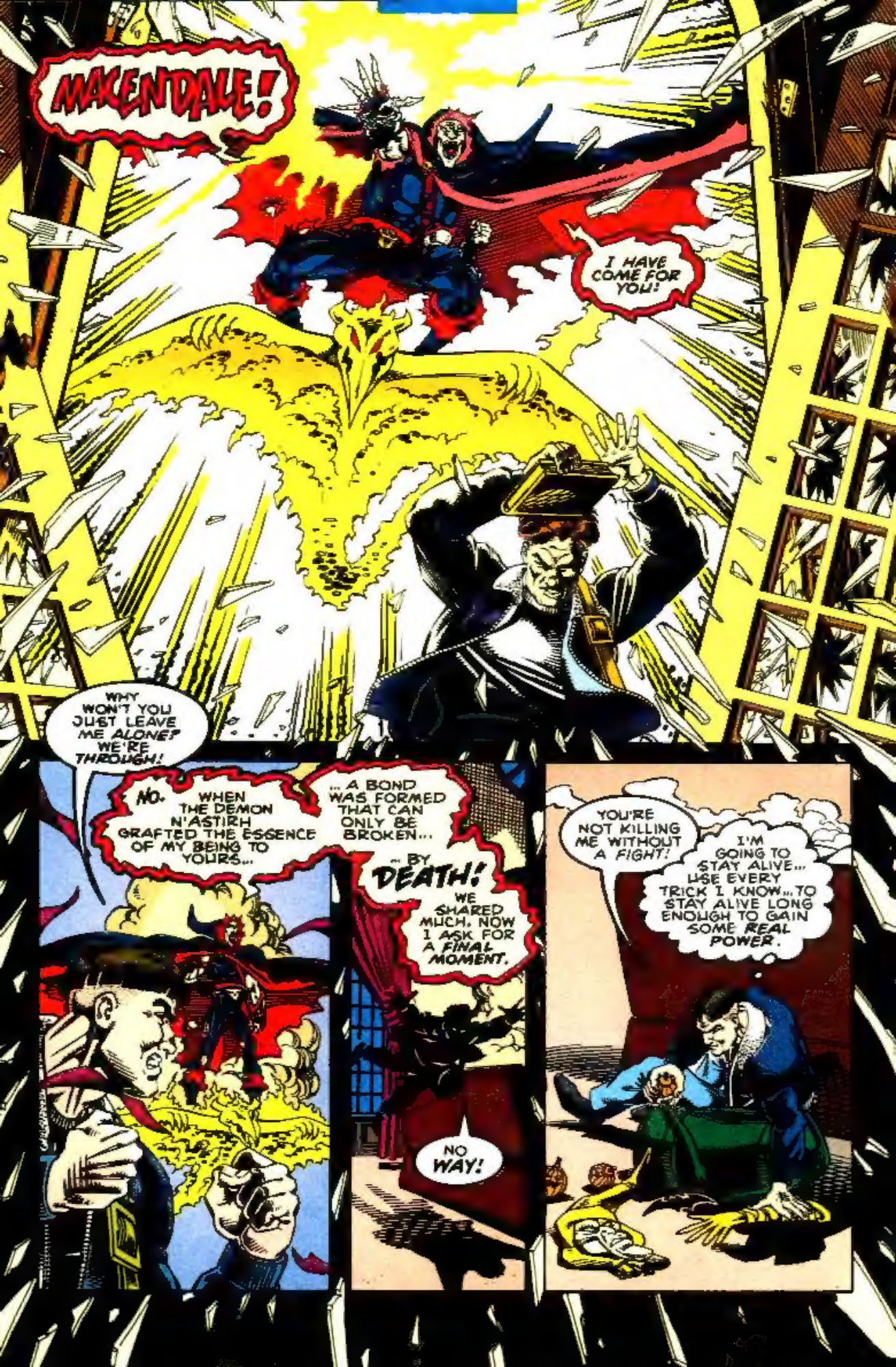
...I SAY...
...THAT YOU DON'T KNOW ME NEARLY AS WELL AS YOU THINK YOU DO.

HEY-- WAIT... DON'T --

SHHWWWWWK

GOOD BASIC IDEA, WORM. BUT HIS JOURNAL IS WORTH MUCH MORE THAN MONEY TO ME.


KRAVEN HAD THE POWER TO TAKE ON SPIDER-MAN. WITH THAT KIND OF POWER I WOULD NEVER HAVE TO BE HUMILIATED BY SPIDER-MAN, OR ANYONE ELSE, AGAIN!
IT'S GOING TO BE MINE!


MAKENDALE!
I HAVE COME FOR YOU!
WHY WON'T YOU JUST LEAVE ME ALONE? WE'RE THROUGH!
NO. WHEN THE DEMON N'ASTIRH GRAFTED THE ESSENCE OF MY BEING TO YOURS...
...A BOND WAS FORMED THAT CAN ONLY BE BROKEN...
...BY DEATH!
WE SHARED MUCH. NOW I ASK FOR A FINAL MOMENT.
NO WAY!
YOU'RE NOT KILLING ME WITHOUT A FIGHT!
I'M GOING TO STAY ALIVE... USE EVERY TRICK I KNOW... TO STAY ALIVE LONG ENOUGH TO GAIN SOME REAL POWER.

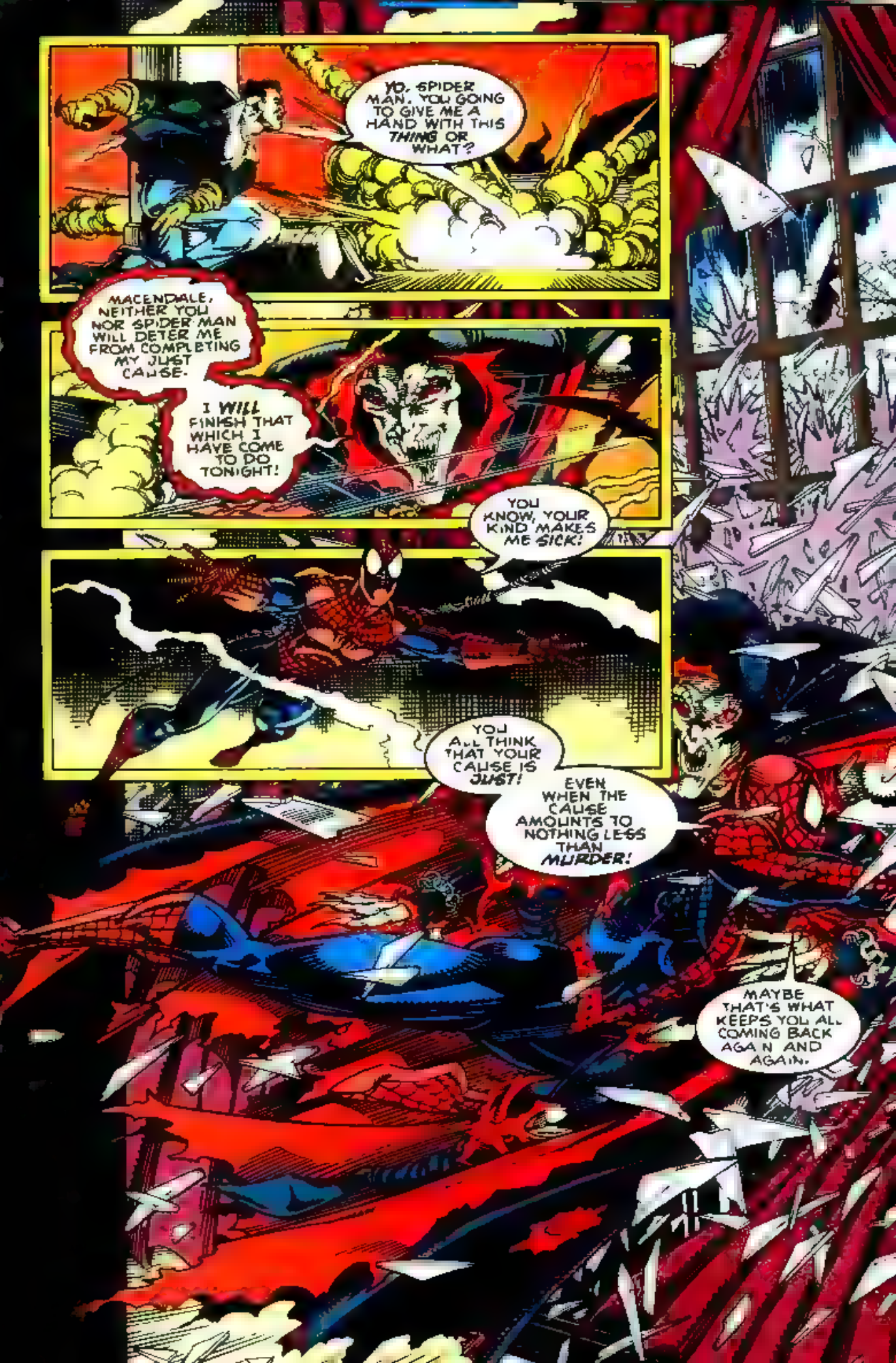
HIDING FROM ME IS POINT-LESS, MACENDALE.
ONCE, WE WERE ONE. I KNOW YOU AS WELL AS I KNOW MYSELF. YOU CANNOT SURPRISE ME.
HOPE-FULLY, YOU'LL FORGIVE ME IF I TRY!
NO. IT IS I--
ACKK!
THWIP

LOOK AT THAT!
GUESS YOU CAN BE SURPRISED BY SOME-ONE!

NO!
THIS IS BETWEEN MACENDALE AND ME.
LEAVE. NOW.
OH, NOW YOU'RE GIVING ORDERS?

I THINK NOT! YOU'RE A KILLER!
LIKE CARNAGE AND THE OTHER KILLERS YOU THREW YOUR LOT IN WITH.
I'M PUTTING YOU AWAY...
... FOR GOOD.

DO NOT CATEGORIZE ME WITH THE LIKES OF THEM!
MY CAUSE IS A RIGHTEOUS ONE.
I HAVE BEEN MISGUIDED LATELY BUT NOW, ONCE AGAIN, I WALK A PURE PATH!
NONE WILL STAND IN MY WAY.
.. NOT EVEN YOU!
WELL, THIS IS CERTAINLY CONVINCING ME OF HOW DIFFERENT YOU ARE FROM CARNAGE.
MAYBE A RESERVE MEMBERSHIP IN THE AVENGERS IS IN ORDER FOR YOU?
I HEAR THE HEALTH BENEFITS ARE, ARE
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
KRAVEN
COLD
DEAD
DARK
KRAVEN
GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE
FRIP
KAOOM


YO, SPIDER MAN. YOU GOING TO GIVE ME A HAND WITH THIS *THING* OR WHAT?
MACENDALE, NEITHER YOU NOR SPIDER MAN WILL DETER ME FROM COMPLETING MY JUST CAUSE.
I *WILL* FINISH THAT WHICH I HAVE COME TO DO TONIGHT!
YOU KNOW, YOUR KIND MAKES ME *SICK!*
YOU ALL THINK THAT YOUR CAUSE IS *JUST!*
EVEN WHEN THE CAUSE AMOUNTS TO NOTHING LESS THAN *MURDER!*
MAYBE THAT'S WHAT KEEPS YOU ALL COMING BACK AGAIN AND AGAIN.

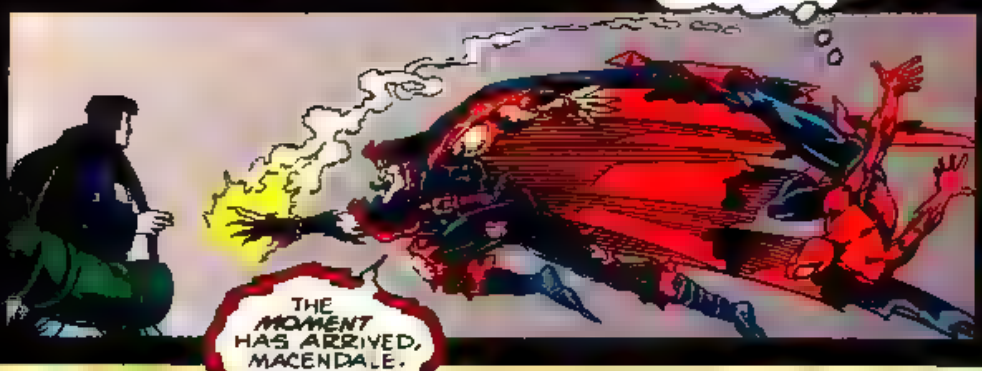
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I BEAT YOU ALL DOWN..
YOU COME BACK WITH MURDER MAYHEM OR SOME OTHER VIOLENT CRIMINAL ACT PUSHING YOU TOWARD A CAUSE!
WELL I'VE GOT A CAUSE AS WELL..
THAT'S TO SEE YOU.. AND ALL LIKE YOU PUT AWAY FOR GOOD!
NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES.
THWIP
THWIP
I'VE HAD IT!
NOW STAY PUT.
I'VE GOT SOME ONE ELSE TO ATTEND TO.

THWAP
I DON'T WANT A FIGHT. I JUST WANT TO WALK.
TAKE CARE OF THE MONSTER AND I'LL BE OUT OF YOUR LIFE FOREVER.
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, MACENDALE?!
I'LL
I DON'T THINK SO.
I SAW YOUR HANDIWORK BACK THERE, MACENDALE. SOME POOR SLOB WHOSE ONLY MISFORTUNE WAS TO MEET UP WITH YOU?
WHY DID I EVEN TRY TO STOP DEMOGOBLIN FROM KILLING YOU?
WOULD HAVE SAVED THE WORLD... AND ME... A LOT OF PAIN.
WHAT'RE YOU EXPECTING ME TO SAY, I'M SORRY? THE GUY WAS A LOSER.
I SHOULD JUST FINISH THIS RIGHT--
Huh? WHAT IS DEMO GOBLIN UP TO?

IT'S GETTING HOT IN HERE
HE'S COOKING SOMETHING UP INSIDE THAT COCOON.
OKAY MACENDALE. LET'S GET TO COVER BEFORE--
FWEEEH
TOO LATE SPIDER-MAN!
THOUGH I HAVE EXHAUSTED MUCH OF MY STRENGTH IN FREEING MYSELF...
...I WILL NOT LET YOU STOP ME FROM SETTLING WITH MACENDALE.

DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS CAPABLE OF THIS KIND OF POWER.
WHOOP
NO MORE INTER-FERENCE
THIS THING MUST BE DONE.
THEY'RE BOTH KILLERS. I SHOULD LET THEM FINISH EACH OTHER OFF.
THEN I WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT FIGHTING EITHER ONE OF THEM EVER AGAIN.
NO.
AS APPEALING AS IT IS
I CAN'T LET YOU DO IT

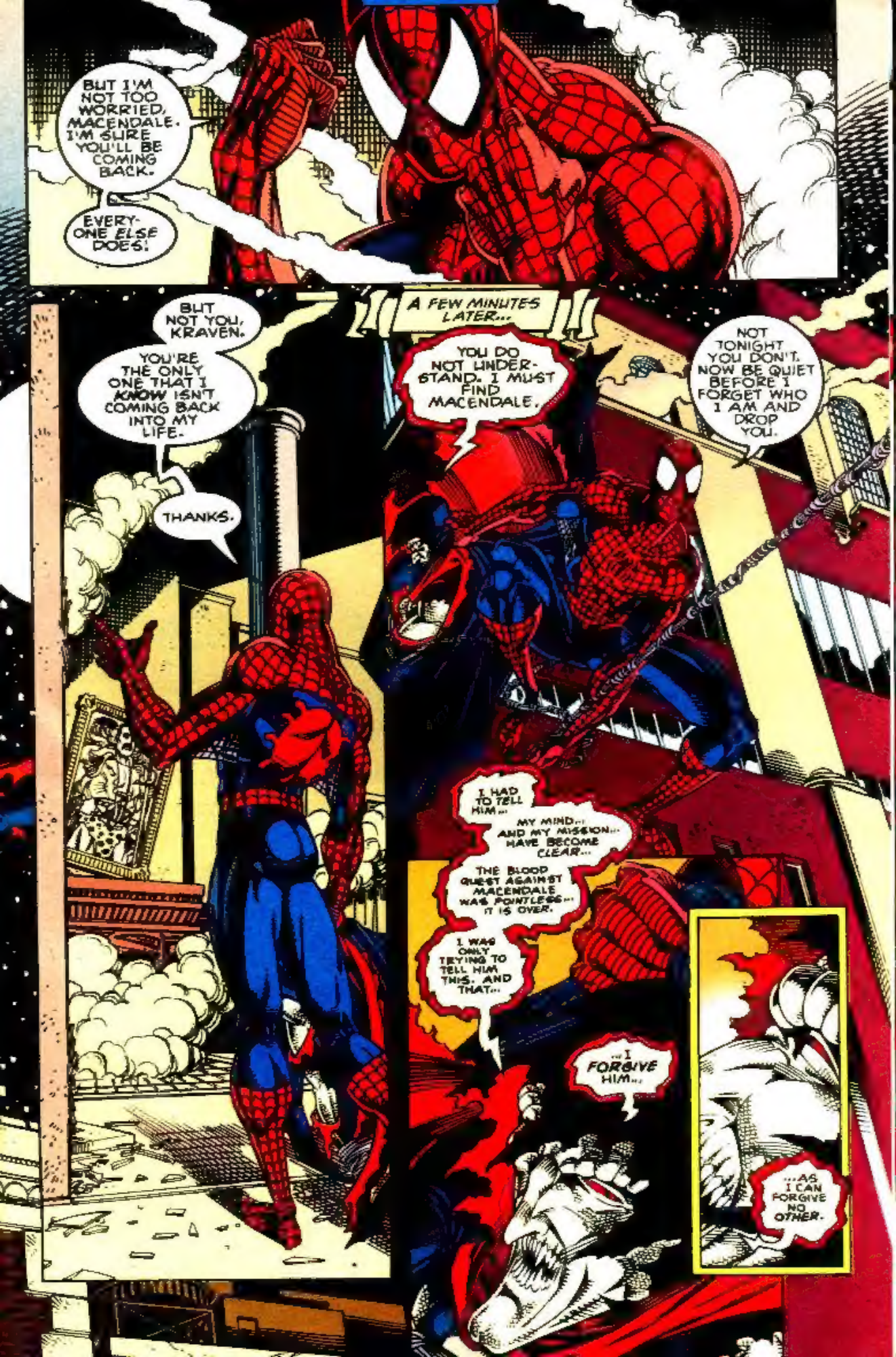
YOU HAVE NO SAY IN THIS MATTER.
STAND ASIDE, OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR INTERFERENCE!
NOT QUICK ENOUGH! HE WANTS MACENDALE REAL BAD!


THE MOMENT HAS ARRIVED, MACENDALE.

NOW IT'S TIME TO PUT AN END TO ALL THAT HAS TRANSPIRED BETWEEN US.

THAT'S IT!
I'M TIRED.
.. AND NOT A LITTLE BIT CRANKY!
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOUR UGLY FACE AGAIN!
IF I DO.
.. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'LL DO!
THIS FIGHT'S OVER.
YOU'RE WASTED...
.. AND I'M IN NO MOOD FOR THIS TO KEEP GOING.
STAY DOWN.
THWIP
CAN NOT LET THE WEBBING PREVENT ME FROM...
TOO WEAK... CANNOT BREAK FREE.
NO... CANNOT END THIS WAY.

DON'T GO AWAY NOW, MACENDALE!
YOU AND YOUR UGLY TWIN HAVE A RETURN ENGAGEMENT WITH THE POLICE.
YOU DON'T WANT TO GET ME ANY ANGRIER THAN I ALREADY AM!
NO CAN DO, SPIDER-MAN...
...I'VE GOT THINGS TO DO AND PLACES TO GO.
SEE YOU AROUND!
GREAT! NOW I'M TAKING YOU OUT OF HARM'S WAY!
KRAKOOM KRAKOOM KRAKOOM
WHY DO I KEEP DOING THIS TO MY-SELF!
HEAD STILL RINGING FROM THE EXPLOSION... SEEING DOUBLE... CAN'T GET A BEAD ON HIM.


BUT I'M NOT TOO WORRIED, MACENDALE. I'M SURE YOU'LL BE COMING BACK.
EVERY-ONE ELSE DOES!
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
BUT NOT YOU, KRAVEN.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT I KNOW ISN'T COMING BACK INTO MY LIFE.
THANKS.
YOU DO NOT UNDER-STAND. I MUST FIND MACENDALE.
NOT TONIGHT YOU DON'T. NOW BE QUIET BEFORE I FORGET WHO I AM AND DROP YOU.
I HAD TO TELL HIM...
MY MIND... AND MY MISSION... HAVE BECOME CLEAR...
THE BLOOD QUEST AGAINST MACENDALE WAS POINTLESS... IT IS OVER.
I WAS ONLY TRYING TO TELL HIM THIS. AND THAT...
...I FORGIVE HIM...
...AS I CAN FORGIVE NO OTHER.

EPILOGUE...
<WELCOME TO RUSSIA, MISTER HOBLIN.>*
<WILL YOUR VISIT BE ONE OF BUSINESS OR PLEASURE, SIR?>
<A LITTLE OF BOTH.>
* TRANSLATED FROM THE RUSSIAN.— DANNY
NO... MAKE THAT A LOT OF BOTH.
TIME TO SEE WHAT KRAVEN'S LITTLE BOY CAN OFFER ME IN RETURN FOR DADDY'S JOURNAL.
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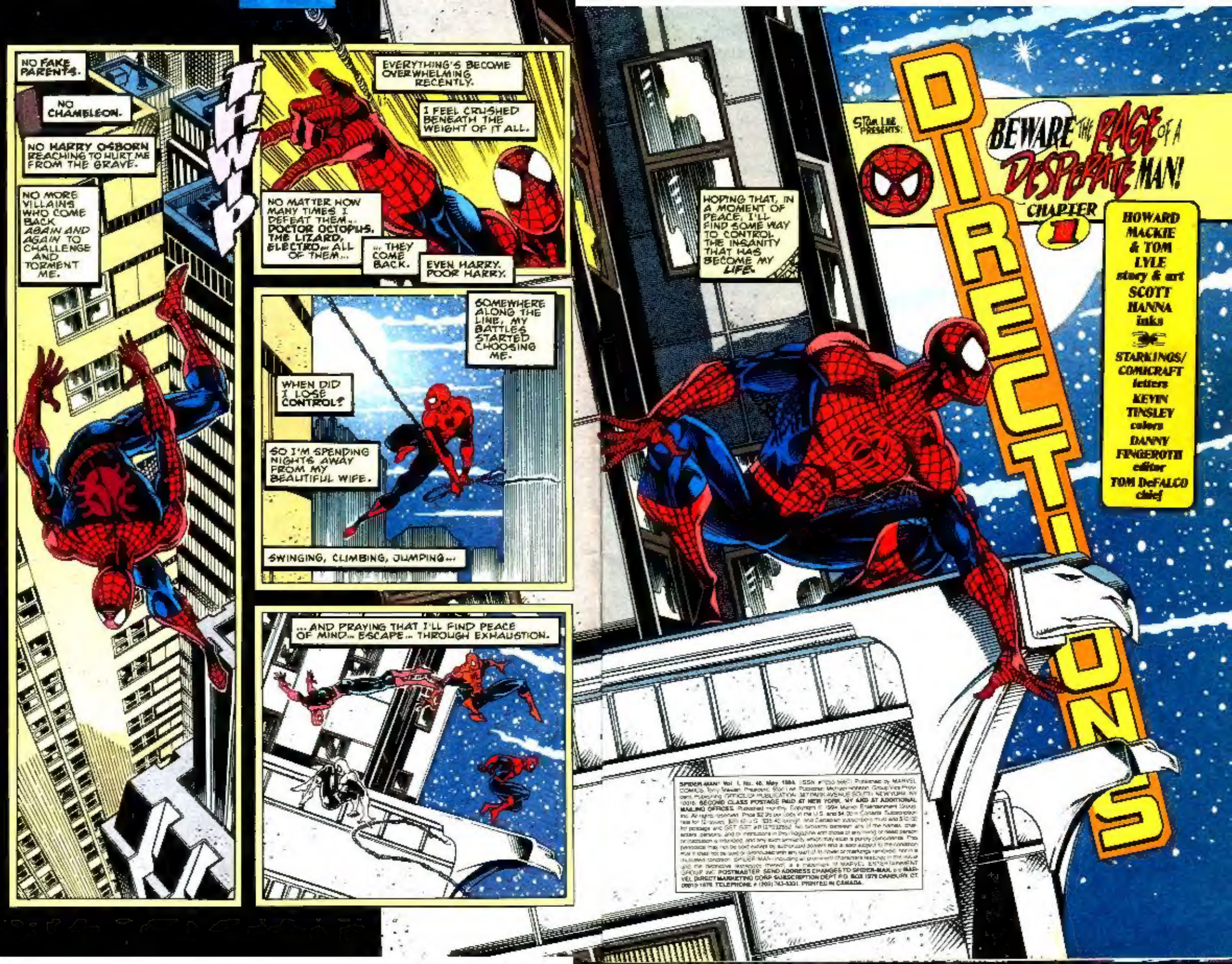
NO FAKE PARENTS.
NO CHAMELEON.
NO HARRY OSBORN REACHING TO HURT ME FROM THE GRAVE.
NO MORE VILLAINS WHO COME BACK AGAIN AND AGAIN TO CHALLENGE AND TORMENT ME.
WHIP
EVERYTHING'S BECOME OVERWHELMING RECENTLY.
I FEEL CRUSHED BENEATH THE WEIGHT OF IT ALL.
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I DEFEAT THEM... DOCTOR OCTOPUS, THE LIZARD, ELECTRO... ALL OF THEM...
...THEY COME BACK.
EVEN HARRY. POOR HARRY.
SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE, MY BATTLES STARTED CHOOSING ME.
WHEN DID I LOSE CONTROL?
SO I'M SPENDING NIGHTS AWAY FROM MY BEAUTIFUL WIFE.
SWINGING, CLIMBING, JUMPING...
...AND PRAYING THAT I'LL FIND PEACE OF MIND... ESCAPE... THROUGH EXHAUSTION.
HOPING THAT, IN A MOMENT OF PEACE, I'LL FIND SOME WAY TO CONTROL THE INSANITY THAT HAS BECOME MY LIFE.
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